THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The flights on Delhi/Nagpur/Raipur and return sectors are operated in the evening with one of the incoming aircraft to Delhi. As a result, flight nos. CD-7469-7470 are hit by consequential delays.

(b) The On Time Performance of services operated by Indian Airlines including Alliance Air is closely monitored on day-to-day basis and efforts are made to minimize delays.

Extension of Facilities at Hyderabad Airport

1209. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to use Hyderabad as a terminal for Indian Airlines and other private Airlines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has not explored the possiblity of extending facilities to Airline operators to use Hyderabad as a base; and

(c) the details of criteria adopted by the AAI to improve Airports around the country to what extent this criteria has not been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Indian Airlines have their maintenance facilities at the Airport and Central Training Establishment (CTE) adjoining the airport. There is no request from Indian Airlines or any other domestic airlines to set up their bases at Hyderabad.

(c) Upgradation of facilities at airports is a continuing process in keeping with the traffic and type of aircraft operation expected at the airport and avail ability of resources.

Guwahati Airport as Regional Hub for North-Eastern Region

1210. DR. SHRIMATI JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to develop Guwahati Airport as the regional hub for the North-Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, by when this new arrangement is likely to be operationalised?